
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6331

AN ACT CONCERNING SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD BLOOD DONORS.

SUMMARY:

This bill allows 16-year-olds to donate whole blood at voluntary school-sponsored blood donation programs. These teen donors (1) must have their parent's or guardian's written permission, (2) may not receive monetary compensation for the donation, and (3) may only have their blood drawn if a registered nurse is present. The law, unchanged by the bill, allows anyone age 17 and older to donate whole blood or any of its components without written parental consent through a voluntary blood donation program.

The bill defines "whole blood" as blood from which none of its component parts have been removed, including red cells, plasma, and platelets.

The bill also makes a technical change.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

COMMITTEE ACTION

Children Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 12 Nay 0 (02/28/2013)